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In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>
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Application No.: 10/581,343	)	Group Art Unit: 1796
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For: PARTICULATE WATER	)	Confirmation No.: 5041
RETAINING MATERIAL FOR	)	
CULTIVATING PLANT HAVING	)	
WATER ABSORBENT RESIN AS	)	
MAIN COMPONENT	)	

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action (non-final rejection) issued on March 11, 2009, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this paper. In addition, Applicants' remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.